

Ridgecrest Baptist Church
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Return Service Requested

Sunday Worship Services
are available on
YouTube/Ridgecrest Baptist Church
Montgomery, Alabama,
our website and on Facebook

In-Person Worship—10:30 am
in the Sanctuary

For in-person worship there will be
no children’s programs nor nursery
available.

All On-Site meetings and activities
have also been cancelled until
further notice.

Counting Team Schedule . . .

Mon. April 5	Tyson Thompson
Mon. April 12	Joyce Ottinger
Mon. April 19	Velita McFarland
Mon. April 26	Betty Brown

OCOEE MISSION TRIP
JUNE 20-26, 2021
Interested/contact Tom Smith

The People Came...	Feb. 28	March 7	March 14	March 21	March 28
Sunday School	Virtual Class	Virtual Class	Virtual Class	Virtual Class	Virtual Class
10:30 AM Worship Celebration	46	45	44	46	
6:15 PM Sunday Evening Worship	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled
The People Gave...	Feb. 28	March 7	March 14	March 21	March 28
Weekly Stewardship Goal	10,499.40	10,499.40	10,499.40	10,499.40	10,499.40
Stewardship Receipts	6,698.00	10,854.00	13,981.00	3,232.00	
Other Contributions YTD	110.94	110.94	797.78	797.78	
Stewardship Receipts YTD	57,125.00	67,979.00	81,960.00	85,192.00	
Expenditures YTD	56,497.65	64,191.32	74,538.74	77,227.57	
Stewardship Goal YTD	94,494.60	104,994.00	115,493.40	125,992.80	
Designated	550.00	450.00	1,047.00	1,105.50	

STAFF

Ministers	Every Church Member
Pastor	Dr. Gary Blair
Associate Pastor	Tom Smith
Bookkeeping	(Aldridge Borden & Company)
Pastor’s/Ministries Secretary	Carolyn Jones
Ministries Assistant	Jackie Bryant

Ridgecrest Baptist Church
The Ridgecrest
On the Go To Witness • Acts 1:8

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Easter
He is not here He has *Risen*

Jesus said I am the Resurrection and the life.
The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.
John 11:25



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This offering is the primary
way we support mission
efforts in North America

One 100% of gifts given are
used in North America.

Ridgecrest Goal is \$4,000

April 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
The Two Greatest words in the Bible/but God. We were spiritually dead in our sin, but God... We obeyed the desire of our flesh, but God ... We deserved the full wrath of God, but God ...				1	2 Church Office Closed Good Friday	3
4 In-person worship - 10:30 am in the Sanctuary Happy Easter! He Has Risen!	5	6	7 Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study - 6:30 pm - via Zoom Youth Group Meeting - 4:00 via Zoom	8	9	10
11 In-person worship - 10:30 am in the Sanctuary	12	13	14 Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study - 6:30 pm - via Zoom Youth Group Meeting - 4:00 via Zoom	15	16	17
18 In-person worship - 10:30 am in the Sanctuary Budget/Finance Mtg. - 4:00 pm - via teleconference	19	20	21 Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study - 6:30 pm - via Zoom Youth Group Meeting - 4:00 via Zoom	22	23	24
25 In-person worship - 10:30 am in the Sanctuary—Quarterly Business Meeting Deacon's Mtg. - after morning worship in the Fellowship Hall	26	27	28 Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study - 6:30 pm - via Zoom Youth Group Meeting - 4:00 via Zoom	29	30	

Become a Church Cheerleader

As we have been going through our 40 days of prayer for church revitalization, I really enjoyed the devotion on Hebrews 10:24-25. In these verses, we are challenged to cheer each other on at Ridgecrest. Just like so many of our members, cheer on their favorite team in Alabama, I hope each person reading this will determine to have a positive attitude toward what God is doing at RBC.

We have been praying for revitalization and we have had a great Kick-Off Sunday and a small group meeting with George Yates and Ken Allen. Now we are creating a team of seven to work with a coach to help Ridgecrest make plans to create a culture of revival and connection in our church. Pray that God will loosen us from any shackles that bind His ministry in our church and that we will obediently pray for a heart of unity to carry out the great commission to glorify God and build-up our body of believers. God is at work; let's do our part to cheer on each other at Ridgecrest.

From your Pastor's Heart:

It's been one year since the Covid-19 Pandemic began for all of us. The first known case in Alabama was identified on March 13, 2020. Since that date we've had 511,779 confirmed Covid-19 cases in our state, and 10,436 deaths. Since that date we have seen most people live more isolated lives, and we've admired people in the medical field (doctors, nurses and those who work alongside them) as well as people in other industries rise up to be "heroes" in our day, working diligently and risking infection and possibly their lives in order to serve people in some way in our region. And while some in our Church family have weathered being infected by the Coronavirus and others have lost dear loved ones because of the virus, all of our lives have been impacted in some way in the past year by the Covid-19 Pandemic.

While I'm glad that vaccinations have arrived and there seems to be "light at the end of the tunnel" in regard to this Pandemic, I'm really curious about what people have learned during this past year. What have we learned about ourselves? What have we learned about people in general around us? And what have we learned about God?

Here are some things I've learned about myself in the last year. I've learned that: 1) I don't like being disconnected from people, but I love spending time with my wife; 2) The ministry work that I do is always tough, but even more so when I can't visit with and/or pray with people in person; 3) It's easy to put on some extra pounds when regular schedules interrupted; and 4) I am so blessed to serve alongside of some of the finest Christians I know at Ridgecrest Baptist Church.

But my primary lessons I've learned have been in what I've learned about the Lord. I've learned that the Lord: 1) provides for and protects His people; 2) uses crisis times like we're going through to get people to reflect on their need for His help in their lives; 3) brings peace to His people's hearts sometimes during the most stress-filled times of their lives; and 4) keeps His Church going regardless of the obstacles and opposition it faces (Matthew 16:19).

Every church I know faces the same challenge we do at Ridgecrest; how do we get people back to in-person services? Easter Sunday is a great day to come back to church. Jesus has RISEN and His power over death can empower us to get up and celebrate HE LIVES with all your church family in-person. I look forward to seeing all your beautiful faces on Easter Sunday, 4/4/21!

In His Service,
Pastor Gary

Foundation
of the
Faith

In Person
Bible Study
Each Sunday
in May

Family Life Center
Sundays @ 9 am
Rev. Jackie Bryant Teacher

Each Sunday morning in May we will have an in-person bible study in the Family Life Center for Youth and Adults: 9:00 AM.

This will help adults get a disciple's perspective on:

- May 2 - The Word of God
- May 9 - The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- May 16 - God's Great Salvation
- May 23 - The Church
- May 30 - God's Final Victory

We will practice social distancing in the Family Life Center. Contact someone and bring them with you. Let us use this time to get reacquainted. Bring your Bible and some note paper. Jackie Bryant will be leading our study.

In the meantime, we will be preparing to start church-wide bible study classes to begin June 6, 2021. A lot has happened to all of us this past year and things will not be the same. But one thing for certain, God has not changed. He loves us. This will require His help and our willingness to follow His leadership. Many things will need to be considered, Preschool, Children and Adult classes, teachers and class room locations.

Continue praying for Ridgecrest Baptist Church.

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VBS
CONCRETE & CRANES
Philippians 1:6
June 7-11, 2021 Time 6-8:00 pm
Grades 1-6